

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on December 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, 2684 Development Drive, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Brandon Dhuey, Todd Delain, Alan Matzke, Ed Janke, Eric Dunning, Glenn Deviley, David Lasee, David Poteat

Item #1. Adoption of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Delain and seconded by Dunning to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion was made by Delain and seconded by Deviley to approve the minutes from the last meeting on September 7, 2016. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of General Membership Coordinator.

Dhuey reported there have been two arsons since the last meeting and that 25 percent of the calls this year have been arson. He reported five calls since the last meeting as follows:

990 Aldrin St., De Pere
2656 Oak Park Dr., Bellevue
4198 N. Overland Rd., Hobart
2102 Glendale Ave., Howard (arson/suspect arrested)
1 Duquaine Ct., Bellevue (arson)

Dhuey noted that there have been three arsons in the Bellevue trailer park this year.

Dhuey stated that Karl Linsmeier has resigned as an investigator on the Task Force but wants to remain on as an intern. He stated that investigator Al Snover and intern Rob Gering have also resigned from the Task Force. There was discussion on those who are not meeting Task Force requirements. Bill Tews and Ben Hermans are involved at fire investigation scenes through their department; however, it does not show on record with the Task Force. Matzke will check with Doug Peters as to his status on the Task Force. Dunning will talk to Chief Beiderwieden about Steve Yedica's status on the Task Force.

There are now four investigator openings. It was noted that Jim Weeks has his FIT certification. Greg Dougherty might also qualify. Dhuey will send out applications for interns/investigators. Then, a special meeting will be held in January to review and make selections. Matzke will talk to Green Bay and Bellevue fire chiefs about any potential interest from their departments.

Dhuey inquired about eliminating the photo log. He noted that the State Fire Marshal no longer uses a photo log—they now videotape a scene and then take photos. There was discussion about this, and Delain advised to continue with the photo log at this time until further discussion.

Dhuey stated he is buying safety vests, which will be kept in the arson rig. He also stated that due to problems with conference dues and registration, each member will pay on his/her own or through his/her department, then send an invoice to Barb Peters for reimbursement. Dhuey will email the chiefs about this new procedure.

Item #5. Financial Report.

Delain reported there is a balance of \$14,294.10 in the Task Force budget; however, November expenses have not been deducted from this. Motion made by Dunning and seconded by Matzke to approve the financial report. **Motion carried.**

Item #6. Old Business.

A. Disposition of Case Proceedings.

No new case dispositions to report per Lasee.

Item #7. New Business.

Janke stated his tenure with MABAS ends in January, so he will no longer be on the Task Force Board of Directors. A new chairperson will need to be elected at the next meeting. He stated he has been involved with the Task Force since 1997. He states he is going to put together a fire investigation task force in Oconto County.

Item #8. Report of Juvenile Firesetter Program Coordinator.

No report.

Item #9. Other Matters.

Delain stated the Drug Task Force seized a Ford F-250 truck with a diesel engine which might work for the safety house. The Task Force, however, may need to buy it from DTF. He will check into this.

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Item #10. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for March 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, 2684 Development Drive, Green Bay, WI.

Item #11. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Delain to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary